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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340; RM-11683

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am grateful for the opportunity to submit comments in support of LightSquared's License Modification Application. My state does not have many options for mobile broadband access. In fact, as you may have noted, a recent report by TechNet ranks us dead last in the nation for broadband use and availability. I believe LightSquared could change that, so I want to strongly urge you to grant the company's request to modify its license.

My work monitoring river levels requires me to travel all corners of the state, and I work from the field, gathering data from often-remote locations. Access to reliable mobile connectivity is essential for being able to do my job effectively and efficiently. It also makes travel safer and more convenient. Furthermore, as a native of rural East Arkansas, I can tell you many Arkansans lack access to the kind of mobile connectivity that would enhance their ability to find work or further their education more easily. Again, I think LightSquared can help. Frankly, I think it's admirable that LightSquared has offered to give up spectrum it spent billions of dollars and more than a decade preparing to provide a bigger moat around the GPS band. At the very least, the FCC should fully explore the possibility of a mixed use of the frequencies LightSquared has proposed to share.

This well-intentioned step, in my opinion, is more than adequate justification for the FCC to modify LightSquared's license. Let's face it: our country isn't making any more spectrum, and if sharing spectrum means that rural communities like mine get quicker access to a competitive nationwide mobile broadband network, then please move forward, and do it quickly. Rural Arkansans are long overdue.

I am grateful for your time and appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kane Martin

cc:

U.S. Senator Mark Pryor  
U.S. Senator John Boozman  
U.S. Representative Steve Womack